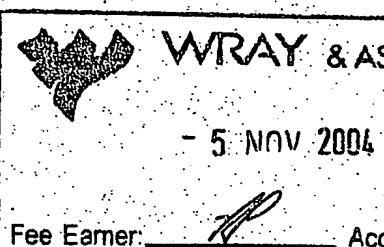


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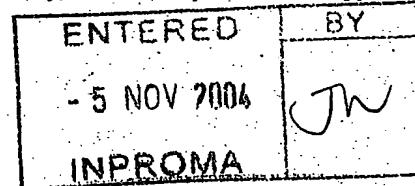
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Box No. V

Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims 1-44	YES
	Claims	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims 1-44	YES
	Claims	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims 1-44	YES
	Claims	NO

2) Citations and explanations:

The following documents identified in the International Search Report have been considered for the purposes of this report:

WO 01/26074;  
US 5991876; and  
Buhse W: "Categorizing Distribution Model Scenarios for Online Music".

Novelty (N) Claims 1-44

All the documents cited in the ISR were category A only. Therefore the claimed invention is not disclosed in any of these patent documents and hence all the claims are novel.

Inventive Step (IS) Claims 1-44

The claimed invention is not obvious in the light of any of the cited documents nor is it disclosed in any obvious combination of them. It is also considered that it would not be obvious to a person skilled in the art in the light of common general knowledge either by itself or in combination with any of these documents.